

Don Bryan

11 Orchard Drive
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

March 2, 2016

FCC
c/o RFD-TV
49 Music Square West
Nashville, TN 37203

Re: Proceeding 16-41

Gentlemen:

I watch RFD-TV on DISH. RFD-TV supports agriculture and bridges the divide between urban and rural America. As a senior citizen, I value programming aimed at the builder and baby-boomer generations.

- I encourage the FCC to protect the existence of independent stations, especially RFD-TV and RFD-HD, to ensure variety is offered on cable/satellite.
- I encourage the FCC to work with Verizon FiOS to reinstate RFD-TV.
- I encourage the FCC to insure people of all economic levels have access to positive, encouraging and educational programming.
- I encourage the FCC to ensure RFD-TV and RFD-HD are included in the most economical packages on DISH, DirectTV, and other cable/satellite options.

Sincerely,



Don Bryan

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Alice Bryan

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c/o RFD-TV
49 Music Square West
Nashville, TN 37203

Re: Proceeding 16-41
Comment #201631102076 submitted March 1, 2016

Gentlemen:

I watch RFD-TV on DISH and want my comments on Proceeding 16-41 to be included in those being presented by RFD-TV. I submitted a comment on Proceeding 16-41 from my cell phone (confirmation #201631102076), but there was a "problem converting document." So I am sending this letter to be sure my comments get to you.

I watch RFD-TV almost 100% of my TV viewing time. It is a wonderful alternative to main stream stations that are filled with violence, sex, and vulgarity. RFD-TV embraces the principles our great nation was founded on – love of God, country, family and fellow man. Programming promotes universally accepted moral characteristics of honor, integrity, and loyalty. RFD-TV works to tear down the wall between urban and rural America because we are one country and we need each other to survive.

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Sincerely,

Alice Bryan

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Dear FCC, Proceeding Number 16-41

Charles Koch
510 Lincoln St.
Carlyle, IL. 62231
618-594-3261

We watch RFD-TV on Dish Network. I also subscribe to RFD-TV The Magazine, to me this magazine is the real TV Guide.

From out on The Land with Dr. Larry Butler, Cattlemen To Cattlemen with Kevin Oster, The Georgia Farm Monitor, or Machinery Pete, Larry's Country Diner, Country Family Reunion, Texas Country Reporter with Bob and Kelli Phillips, Presley's Country Jubilee, Ray Stevens Nashville, Gentle Giants with Pam Minick and Katie Coffman, Joey and Rory, but to me the real Kicker of why you need to keep Rural Programming is a show they have on Thursday Night, Small Town Big Deal to me that pretty well sums it up. It isn't the East or West coast conglomerate or Chicago it's everyone else in the middle of America that appreciates Rural Programming. AGAIN IT'S SMALL TOWN BIG DEAL.

THANK You,
Respectfully,

Charles Koch

Charles Koch

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To FCC 16-41

~~Re:~~ Accountability of Gate Keepers
From Myrtle Hack - Dish

Verizon wiped RFD off the slate with no recourse. They did not have to give any reason for denying access to millions of viewers. FCC is our last resort to put the brakes on monopolies.

Verizon broke their contract with the customer by not providing RFD. The customer did not break it. Yet they have to pay a penalty to drop Verizon. We watch RFD religiously 80% of the time 20% local channels.

RFD was the deciding factor on the carrier.
for heartland package) RFD is unfairly being systematically eliminated. My neighbors and I are about to go to Antenna TV

Sincerely

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Myrtle Hack

77 Kiper Road Leitchfield Ky

42754

To FCC deposition 16-41 Dish
From Kimbeely Sanders 307 Fraim St. Leitchfield 42754
RE dirty tactics to cause extinction of
independent channels like RFD

As far as I can see telecommunication companies are lumped in the same lot as lawyers and politicians.

Money and backdoor deals that happen in the good old boy's club are going to eliminate independent channels

If FCC does not change "the big boys" Free Reign.

Stop This Injustice

Kimberly Sanders
~~Leitchfield~~
~~Missouri~~

RFD is America's most important network

To FCC deposition 16-41

From Faye Fenkess - Dish

RE Unscrupulous Business practices.

Why Verizon and others dropped RFD and
other GATE companies for NO REASON
they are acting like a bipolar tyrant

Independent broadcasters are being squeezed out. Contracts are not being renewed for absurd and often non response reasons.

RFD is profitable, has loyal viewers

lost cost contracts, gives no demands to Verizons and tries to nurture good relationships with gate keepers like Verizon / Dish / Direct TV / Comcast and they RFD keeps getting

slamming doors in our face.

I thought the free market was supposed

to be open to all. Is there not

room for at least one rural channel.

Don't allow our pleas to fall on deaf ears.

"Pursuit of happiness" and basic rights are being threatened.

May Democracy Prevail

Sincerely

Faye Fenkess

10608 Allen Drive Fairdale Ky 40118

To FCC deposition 16-41 2702572511
From Silencee dogood 179 Herman Howard Lane

Westview Ky 40178 Dish

RE Extra obstacles for independent broadcasters
to keep them out of boy's club.

Its not fair independent channels like RFD have a
different set of rules. RFD did everything right
produced excellant programming, kept costs low with
gatekeepers, have super loyal viewership and
had to fight over being dropped by each network

[AT&T Dish/Verizon Fios/Direct TV] in less than 12 months.

I spend all year writing letters to
CEOs/govt officials. These are deliberate attacks
on the little guy (RFD) who is doing good for America.
RFD performs public service 24 hours a day.

RFD only wants a chance to survive. Where is the
level playing field for independents. David vs Goliath

Big guys need more oversight. Deregulation
is collapsing the free market. All we farmers want to do
is feed the world and pay a fair price for
equal treatment. The gate keepers want ^{to} ride
on the backs of American public and ~~should~~ have a
special license to steal.

Sincerely-
Silence Do Good

To FCC

16-41 deposition

From Earl Haynes Dish

RE Big 5 is denying access to independent channels like RFD and local channels

America is being trampled by corporate America.

Big guys are squeezing out small companies.

Free trade and free enterprise is gone.

If you're not in the clique you're wasting

your time. Where's the regulation for

Verizon/Comcast/Dish/DirectTV. Recent mergers

~~are~~ bringing back monopolies. Consumers

don't have a choice but pay higher rates for

poor service and limited broadcasting.

America needs wholesome programs. I fought
for freedoms that are being snuffed away.

Sincerely

Earl and Martha Haynes

161 Haynes Lane Abilene Ky 40178

6003 Nutmeg Ave SARASOTA
FL 34231

Dish

To FCC deposition 16-411

From Virginia Bruce

RE Extra obstacles for independent broadcasters
like RFD

Why are there extra hoops for independent channels like RFD? This past year RFD has had to plead with Verizon/Dish/Direct TV/Comcast to carry this popular channel. Loyal viewers wrote and called and our pleas mostly fell on deaf ears. RFD is a profitable enterprise. Advertisers market big ticket items that ~~can't~~ ~~will~~ stimulate the economy worldwide. And yet they are being alienated. Agriculture is a billion dollar industry that betters the world as opposed to bubblegum chewing, Mickey Mouse programming.

This is outrageous. Verizon needs close monitoring of these cut throat tactics.

How can Verizon brush off ~~RFD~~ RFD from the face of the earth?? Just on a whim RFD was not their idea so they don't want it in the network.

Help preserve free speech/democracy
Virginia Bruce

To FCC 16-41

Dish

From Kimberly Hines 138 Star Blvd Madison Tenn 37115

RE Extra hoops for independents to jump through
It's unethical

The reason for regulation's to prevent abuse of power in the market place.

Telecommunications raise rates and give less and less service.

RFD, weather channel, local broadcasters, & hunting network are being forced out of business because

the 5 big guys^{don't} want to share the market.

We are an important section of the population that is being neglected. It's not there room for one rural station (and the locals).

Farmers feed the world. RFD provides essential up to date information for all Americans,

(Rural And urban),

RFD has extra obstacles to deal with because they are not under the big 5 networks' umbrella, I call this unscrupulous business tactics

If you can't help the Supreme Court is the next step plus public protests. RFD is one of the few things I will fight relentlessly for. Please help.

Kimberly Hines

March 1, 2016

Dear FCC Proceeding 16-41

I watch RFD TV on Direct TV
as so does my wife. we sit.
hours enjoying all the music
of back in the day.

He Haw, Larrus Country Diner,
Daley + Vincent Show, Big Joe Polka
Mollie B Polka, Porter Wagner,
JOEY + ROREY Gathers Gospel Hour.
My daughters still watch

these shows they have watched
them since babies & they are
now all in their 50-40-~~20s~~

my wife and myself dont
get out much and this is
what we do watch RFD TV

Please keep it on air

Thank You

Mr. William Cutlip

4651 STB#14

Ravenna Ohio

44246

330 325 7442

 Tom Dickerson
PO Box 962
Sandy Hook, KY 41171

3-4-2016

DEAR FCC & RFD

I do not know why in the world these cable station's want to get rid of the best station on TV. The RFD has the best shows to watch than any of the others. The whole family can watch, with A VARIETY OF EVERYTHING, they have much at day reporting good country music, news, weather, very good cooking shows, Tim Farmer Country Kitchen, A Ky. boy like me, lots of these TV shows are not worth watching, ~~copy people~~, stupid ~~copy~~ ^{original} shows, & what is this country coming too, Cline shows is were some of people get there idea's for killing people.

I have Direct TV, I will switch to Mountain Rural Telephone in April when my contract runs out. Direct & Dish keep raising there rates all the time, it rains hard TV will go out. Please keep RFD on the air, it is the best program to watch. If they drop RFD on my TV, I will drop them like a rock.

Tom D.

→ BACK

FCC. - 16-41

CHARLES EBERHART
244 STOVER RD
MIFFLINBURG, PA 17844
DIRECT TV SAT.

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To whom it concern!

As far as removing RFD channel. I think you should "Stop" and "Scratch" your heads and think about it.

It's the only channel on TV that has any sense, only channel to support the FARMERS, FFA, 4HERS, young + old alike, AFTER they ARE THE ONES, that make, grow, and provide, from the start - to finish you eat.

The channel also includes market prices, livestock sales, equine events, tractors, rodeo, anything else that covers farming.

All most of other channels, is all loaded, killing, robbing, + shooting. No wonder there is so much crime and shooting, for people to see on TV. If this is all young people SEE on TV, what are learning?

If you TAKE "RFD" off the satelite

MARCH 3-2016

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my NAME is Shirley Cutlip, My Address is
4651 S.R. 14, Ravenna, Ohio 44266
Phone is 330-325-7442 . Directv is our
Satellite Network.

Please, keep our RFD TV Stations on.
We Watch RFD TV Channel 345. The
Music, Country, Marty Stewart, Country Reunion,
Larry Country Diner, TruCountry, Gaitor Gospel.
News, Horse Shows, Parades, Texas Country Re.
We Love them all. We Watch them regular.
It really means a lot to my family. We have a
family of 30, All, love RFD TV. Gaitor Gospel,
Molly B. Polkas. This really is our favorite's and
The farming programs are wonderful and so
Educational. We never get to old to learn from
these programs. This is our favorite station, I hope
it will always be there on all the programs.
Thank you And I hope RFD TV will always be a
Winner. IN our Home's RFD is #1
Sincerely Shirley Cutlip and Family

Docket
16-41

FCC -

RFD

Please don't take Rural Programming off the air! RFD has much on it of where the nations "Bread & Butter" come from. We enjoy the news, weather & music on it. Markets reports are important to us.

Mariann Beardsley
601 Lamro St.
Winner, S.D. 57580

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March 4, 16

Gene Deckard
517 Blakley Rd
Sadler, TX 76264

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To whom it concerns,

Rural America needs the
programming that RFD-TV provides.

It is clean, informative for producers
of food and clothing. No other station
provides the latest on weather, market
reports, news. Entertainment of western,
country and bluegrass is top notch.

We'd be lost without it.

Please stay the course.

P.S. we will
drop DirecTV if
we lose this type
of programming!

Sincerely,
Gene C Deckard

517 Blakley Rd
Sadler, TX 76264

cell:
903-821-1813

March 5, 2016

16-41

Hulu R.F.D.

Just a few lines to say thank you
for a great line up on R.F.D.
The music shows & variety are great. I really
like "Ray Stevens Show"
R.F.D. has the best coverage of the
Tournament of Roses can't be beat great work.
Keep up the great work R.F.D. can't be beat

I have direct T.V.

Sharon Chard,

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16-41

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How Can you allow
XTRA Large Corporations
To batt Out small
Informative Programs
Like RFD - Ag is our
Back bone: Needed for
Market - Education & Youth
We will Cancel With out
RFD T.V. *Frank Paulhamus*

Mr Frank S Paulhamus
1950 N Country Rd
Eustis, FL 32726-6926

Dear FCC 16-41

3/5/16

my wife and I watch RFD TV
and the weather channel exclusively.
we are both retired seniors and
like the rural Farm + horse shows,
the gospel music, country + Polka
shows. Also the rural Heritage and
cowboy church.

Our network channel is
DirectTV.

Respectfully yours

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL John Black

John + Donna Black
219 maple st.
Northfield, ma. 01360
Tel# 413-498-5809

16-41

899 Reaper Rd SE
LeRoy KS 66857

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Dear FCC

Proceeding Number 16-41

We enjoy viewing the
RFD-TV channel. We
think you should continue
to have it on the air. We
have a DISH satellite system.
Agriculture is an important
part of America & RFD-TV helps
to educate the public about it.
Also it has good clean
entertainment on its channel.

Sincerely

Charles & Donna
Nicker

Ph. 620-964-2362

% JCC

I am a 79 ye. old woman, my husband is 83 we watch RFD TV every night & day. It is the only station that has anything fit to watch.

All of the other stations have murder, murder & murder no wonder there is so much crime, those shows show people how to ~~SECRET FILE COPY ORIGINAL~~ them ideas, If that is all we have to watch we may as well get rid of TV.

Sincerely
Robert & Donna Fox



Mrs. Donna J. Fox
11232 Peoria Rd.
Pavilion, NY 14525-9108

I am writing to object strongly to Verizon & cable companies discontinuing RFD TV.

We are both 80 yrs. old & we watch the RFD station over 80% of our time. Without RFD - we would have NOTHING on TV of any interest to us AT ALL.

My husband has Parkinson's Disease & is unable to even walk his own without his wheelchair. He is unable to enjoy his mechanics days any longer. He worked on Farm Machinery; tractors, etc. We were both raised on Farms. RFD keeps us in the wonderful memories of all our former lives.

Please see that this wonderful programming doesn't end up being bashed & forgotten--- which is what MOST of other TV programs COULD BE!!!

We receive our cable TV
from Farmers Mutual Coop Tele.
MCTC - Holstein, IA. 51537

RFD is meaningful to us ALWAYS

Kenneth & Marjorie Thompson
5116 6th St.
Tennant, IA. 51537
Ph # 712-744-4452

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